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EXCEPTIONS

On December 8, 2014, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC") filed exceptions to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed memorandum and proposed order recommending approval of the 2015 REST Plan dated December 1, 2014. Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCSECA") is statewide cooperative association in Arizona and hereby supports these exceptions filed by SSVEC for the reasons stated in its exceptions.

While SSVEC and GCSECA generally agree with Staff that "it is the consumers considering these systems who ultimately must weigh the benefits and drawbacks of the financing mechanism used for acquiring rooftop solar," SSVEC and GCSECA also believe that offering a rebate on leased PV systems may tip the scale towards leasing and implies that the SSVEC encourages and supports leasing. To the contrary, SSVEC and GCSECA believe thatoverall—leasing is generally not in the best interest of its member-owners and that a cooperative has an obligation to act in the best interests of its members. For all of these reasons, SSVEC and GCSECA requests that the Commission reject Staff's recommendation regarding incentives for leased PV systems and adopt the SSVEC proposed amendment.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of December, 2014.

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